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DECONGESTING OF MUMBAI PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust near Mumbai was established to decongest Mumbai Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the environmental permission granted for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust had imposed some conditions regarding Mumbai Port Trust;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the permission has been granted to Mumbai Port Trust for its expansion plans despite Jawaharlal Nehru Port was established to decongest Mumbai Port; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f): Ministry of Environment and Forests while granting environmental clearance to Nhava Sheva Port (now rename as Jawaharlal Nehru Port) stipulated that the level of traffic at Mumbai Port should gradually be reduced. The other condition stipulated was that Port's land which is not required for operational purpose should be made available for greening and recreation. In 2006-07 Mumbai Port handled 52.36 Million Tonnes. About 62% of the above is liquid cargo transported through pipe lines, 12% is moved through water ways, 6% by rail and 14% by road. 58% of the cargo moving on the road is meant for city consumption and 42% goes out of city. Traffic destined to and from city uses 3 arterial roads connecting NH-4. The usage of Port's Land in the city is governed by the city development plan finalized under Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act 1966. This plan is valid upto 2012-13 and has earmarked land for greenery and recreation.
Traffic at Indian Ports have shown upward trend and infrastructure needs to be consistently enhanced for supporting the Economic Growth. Development of ports is an ongoing process. As a part of this process the proposals for development/ expansion of Mumbai Port are considered and appropriate decisions taken after necessary clearances, keeping in view the demands of Maritime Trade.